

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

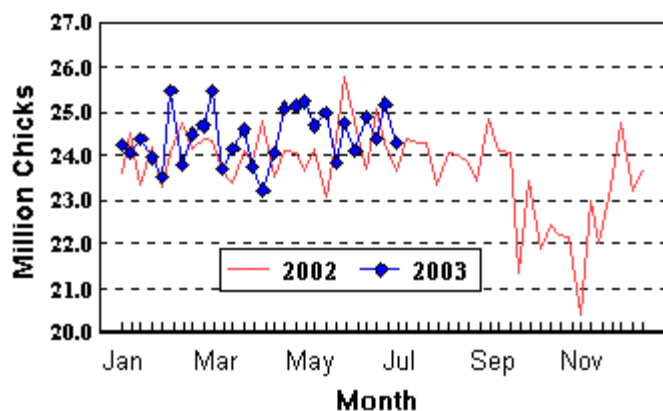
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.3 million during the week ending July 12, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2002, but down 4 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 12, 2003 were 684.3 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.1 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.6 percent.

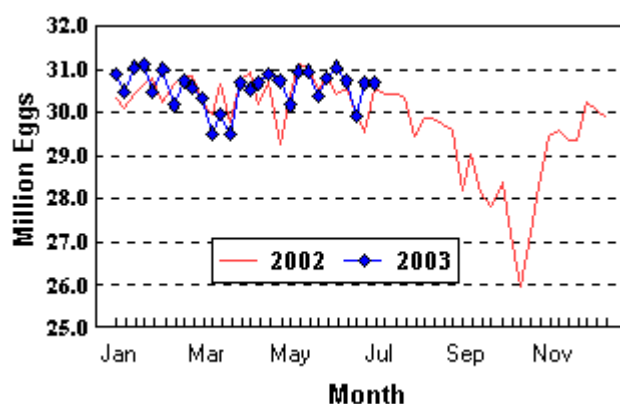
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 12, 2003, up slightly from the same period last year, and down fractionally from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 7	25,785	24,744	96	25,986	25,944	100	30,870	30,797	100
Jun. 14	24,765	24,094	97	25,846	25,855	100	30,448	31,052	102
Jun. 21	23,720	24,892	105	25,422	25,268	99	30,594	30,754	101
Jun. 28	25,058	24,413	97	25,606	25,540	100	29,971	29,935	100
Jul. 5	24,317	25,195	104	25,365	25,629	101	29,561	30,676	104
Jul. 12	23,672	24,296	103	25,372	25,097	99	30,567	30,669	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul		07-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	
Alabama	28,044 *	28,215	28,419	28,780	97	21,747	22,363	22,257	22,095	21,694	21,518	106
ARKANSAS	30,754	29,935	30,676	30,669	100	24,744	24,094	24,892	24,413	25,195	24,296	103
Delaware	3,703	3,532	3,649	3,701	105	4,839	4,722	5,579	5,556	5,137	5,437	93
Florida	1,320 *	1,327	1,315	1,329	56	1,762	1,566	1,704	1,793	1,732	1,779	73
Georgia	32,191 *	32,360	31,848	32,401	99	25,877 *	26,449	26,220	26,574	26,129 *	25,542	97
Kentucky	6,489 *	6,140 *	6,597 *	6,679	98	5,973	5,744	5,761	5,891 *	6,103 *	5,330	108
Maryland	9,585	9,563	9,267	9,482	96	6,686	6,908	5,566	5,484	5,691	5,823	103
Mississippi	18,952	18,837	18,443	19,375	101	16,655	16,786	16,759	16,696	16,388	15,939	101
N. Carolina	18,815 *	17,293	17,787	17,235	93	14,834	15,174	14,877	15,269	14,443	15,002	99
Oklahoma	6,696	6,430	5,922	6,424	97	5,461	5,651	4,119	4,785	3,932	4,721	100
Pennsylvania	3,870	3,454 *	3,816 *	3,791	100	2,735	2,752	2,696	2,632 *	2,699 *	2,740	97
S. Carolina	4,576	4,347	4,415	4,427	90	4,668	3,713	4,144	3,968	3,727	4,331	115
Texas	14,817	13,817	14,756	14,443	98	12,500	12,560	12,635	12,522	12,424	12,328	105
Virginia	6,609	6,356	6,538	6,259	102	5,055	5,324	5,763	5,514	6,219	5,336	106
CA, LA, MO, IN, WV	20,503	21,189	21,093 *	20,203	101	18,379 *	19,398 *	19,638 *	19,069 *	19,785 *	19,238	92
Total 2003	206,924 *	202,795 *	204,541 *	205,198		171,915 *	173,204 *	172,610 *	172,261 *	171,298 *	169,360	
Total 2002	207,561	204,462	206,891	209,239		174,118	173,320	172,818	172,481	172,394	168,933	
%Prev. Year	100	99	99	98		99	100	100	100	99	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 205 million eggs during the week ending July 12, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 12, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 12, 2003 were 4.71 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.